

Iraqi parliament Monitor

The first monthly report of the third legislative term ,July 2014

Introduction:

After the Iraqi Parliament Monitor succeeded in carrying out the task of monitoring and documenting the performance of the House of Representatives, in its second legislative term in 2010- 2014, and produced extensive and accurate database documenting all that is concerned with the House of Representatives tasks stipulated by Article 61 of the Iraqi Constitution, here it is again continuing to monitor the third legislative session 2014- 2018, starting by issuing this monthly report of the House of Representatives during the month of July 2014, which will include the results of the elections and the distribution of seats between the rival blocs, then the first session and what took place and the subsequent developments to choose the parliament speaker and his two deputies and The President of the Republic

Elections of the House of Representatives

The electoral process began a set of actions carried out by the Independent Electoral Commission, it was started by agreement of the Board of Commissioners on a number of regulations and procedures for the election of the Iraqi Council of Representatives in 2014, including; the adoption and ratification of the agents of political entities and observers of the system. And the ratification of the system and procedures for registration of political entities and coalitions

The number of candidates has reached (9045) male and female candidates, the distributed on (276) entity of entities approved by the Electoral Commission,

The number of coalitions and political entities approved (107) coalition.

Election results

The Federal Supreme Court ratified by resolution of its decision number (31 / T.q / 2014) the names of all the winners except for four of them to consider approving them postponed pending the outcome of criminal cases against them, they are: (Abbas Jaber Mtawi, Raad Hamid Kazim Aldhiki, Saleem Abdullah al-Jubouri, Omar Aziz Hussein Humairi). The matter was settled after a federal court's endorsement of the banned names after complying with the court.

After the court's decision to send the results to the ratification of the Presidency of the Republic, Mr. Vice President Khodair al-Khuzai on the basis of Article (54) a decree which

called for the House of Representatives to convene within a period of fifteen days from the date of ratification of the results.

Directly to the Board office

Pursuant to Article 54 of the Iraqi Constitution, the House of Representatives held its first meeting on 01.07.2014 under the chairmanship of Mr. Mehdi al-Hafez "oldest member". It was supposed to be devoted to meeting, after the performance of the House of Representatives statutory oath, to the election of the President of the Council and two deputies, but Mr. Osama Najafi, former president of the Council asked, "President of the Age", and after the end of performance of statutory oath, the deadline for consultation, and the meeting was adjourned for half an hour after this deadline, and it appeared that after this while the parliament may misfire, which hampered the process of selecting the president and two deputies until a further notice.

On 13/07/2014 House of deputies held the second session of the first legislative term for the first year under the chairmanship of Mr. Mehdi al-Hafez Chairman of age, and in this session members who were not present at the first session had sworn in , and the meeting was adjourned to next Tuesday, 15/7 / 2014 without the election of a President of the Council and his two deputies.

on 15 \ 7 \ 2014 House of deputies held the third session of the first legislative term for the first year under the chairmanship of Mr. Mehdi al-Hafez in the presence of 273 deputies.

two deputies Mithal Al-Alosi and Mr. Khalaf Abdulsamad had sworn in and the session was changed into secret for the nomination of President of the Council and his two deputies , then the council begun to vote for the president of the council and the candidates were only Mr. Saleem Al-Juboori and Ms. Shurooq Al-Abaji and the number of voters was 273 deputy , Mr. Saleem Al-Juboori got 194 votes and as for Ms. Shurooq Al-Abaji they were 19 votes and there were 60 invalid card declaring the victory of Mr. Saleem al-Jubouri.

after the first deputy have been voted on, and the candidates were Mr. Haider Abadi for the National Coalition and Mr. Ahmed Chalabi and Mr. Faris Jeju for coalition Civic Democrats Mr. Haider Abadi got 149 votes, and Mr. Ahmad Chalabi got 107 votes and Mr. Faris Jeju got six voices and there were 12 invalid cards, and for not getting an absolute majority, which represents half the number of council members plus one President of the Council ; the council decided to re-vote on only two candidates.

And at the beginning of the voting Mr. Ahmed Chalabi announced his withdrawal for the position and thus continued to vote on Mr. Haider Abadi as the sole candidate and he received 188 votes out of 246

Then it was voted on the second deputy speaker of parliament and Mr. Aram Sheikh Mohammed got 171 votes out of 241

The chairman of the board invited the new president of the council and his two deputies to take their duties

and Mr. Saleem al-Jubouri thanked the new head of the council in a speech to members of the council for having confidence in him for the presidency of the Council and also the door was opened for nomination for the position of President of the Republic starting on Wednesday, 16/7/2014 and the session was adjourned to 23/7/2014

On 23/07/2014 House of deputies held the fourth session of the first legislative term for the first year under the chairmanship of Mr. Saleem al-Jubouri, head of the House of deputies, where 236 Deputy were presenting ,and it included voting on delaying of the election of President of the Republic to the end of the session and then Voting on the formation of a committee to follow up the project of the budget bill law.then Reading a statement from the Civic Democratic Alliance MP by the deputy Shurooq Abaiji,after that, postponing the election of President of the Republic 24 hours, down to the request of the Kurdish blocs and for that reason the session was Adjourned until the day after Thursday 07.24.2014

On 24/07/2014 House of deputies held the fifth session of the first legislative term for the first year under the chairmanship of Mr. Saleem al-Jubouri, head of the House of deputies, the session included:

election of the President of the Republic, the first round took place and the results are as shown in this table:

No. of votes	Candidate
37	Hannan Al-Fatlawi
3	Hussein Al-Musawi
2	Hameed Hamadi
175	Fouad Masoum
10	Faiq Al-sheikh Ali

And for not getting the absolute majority, re-voting had to be done for only two candidates who got greater number of votes, and after the withdrawal of Ms. Hanan al-Fatlawi and Mr. Faiq al-Sheikh re-voting took place for the candidates Fuad Masum, and Mr. Hussein Musawi, and the results of the second round were as follows:

No. of Invalid votes	No. of Valid votes	No. of all votes	No. of votes	Candidate
41	228	269	211	Fouad Masoum

			17	Hussein Al-Musawi
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Thus, the president of the Council declared Mr. Fuad Masum, president of the Republic of Iraq

And then the meeting was adjourned to 08/05/2014.